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Serial No.: 10/553,764) Art Unit:
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For: **PISTON VACUUM PUMP**)
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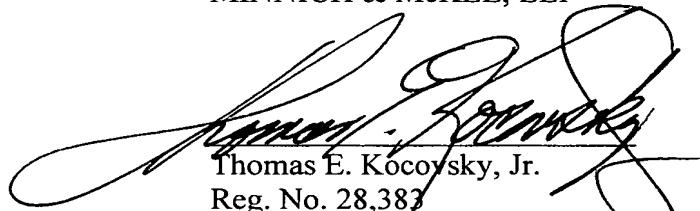
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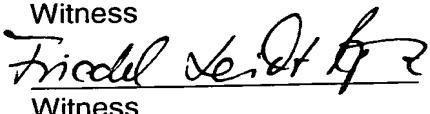
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